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FIREMEN'S STRIKE MAY BE AVOIDED

Offer of Federal Mediation Is Accepted by Employes.

HAD SET TIME FOR WALKOUT

Request for Mediation Was Made by Railroads, and Knapp and Neill Immediately Proffered Their Services-Negotiations Must Begin at Once.

chicago, March 15.—Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 locomotive firemen, on Western railroads, and the contingent throwing out of employment of more than 125,000 other emoffer of Labor C. P. Nettl, telegraphed offer of Federal mediation to the on officers. This offer was accept-W. S. Carter, president of the therhood of Locomotive Firemen Enginemen, stipulating that action

the Western rederated board of the brotherhood last midnight formally voted for a strike.

Hour for Striking Had Been Set.
The hour for striking had been set for next Monday morning, and the members were prepared to start for their homes to put the strike into action, when the mediation stops were when the mediation steps were

both sides had agreed to arbitrate, and two other technical points, involving promotion and representation in the union. These latter subjects, the brotherhood contends, must be arbitrated, but the railroads assert they cannot be arbitrated, because they relate to internal union dispute.

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"All prospects of a strike are over. There will be none. Settlement of the whole controversy by mediation and arbitration is assured."

Surprise to the Enginemea. News from Washington that the controversy would be submitted to mediation under the Erdman act came as a surprise to the officials of the firemen's and enginemen's union. while they were in ression to decide on the hour when the strike should be called. While no direct intimation of the time for calling the strike was given by the union officials, it was intimated that the date for calling out the men would give them time to reach their homes before receiving notice to quit work. Others may be given a hint not to start out on long trips.

Application Made by Roads.

Washington, March 15.—Mediation under the Erdman act was requested of the controversy that has arisen between the rallway lines operating westward out of Chicago and their 27,000 firemen and enginemen. The application for mediation was made by the rallroads. The request was previously the rallroads. T

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Immediately after Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, arrived at his office to-day representatives of the raliroad general managers' committee presented to him the application of the raliroad officials for mediation of the trouble. The application was a formal statement of the lines involved in the controversy, and was signed by W. C. Nixon, chairman of the general managers' committee. Immediately after Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, strived at his office to-day representatives of the railroad general managers' committee presented to him the application of the trouble. The application was a formal statement of the filmes involved in the controversy, and was signed by W. C. Nixon, chairman of the general managers' committee.

The request was for the mediation of the difficulty that had arisen on the subjects of "wages, hours of labor and conditions of employment" between the forty-seven roads involved and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

It was requested in the application that the mediators, Chairman Knapp assured the Protection of the trouble.

Carter, president of the brotherhood, with a view to an amicable adjustment of the trouble.

To Begin Immediately, and, if necessary, would go to Chicago in an effort to adjust the controversy.

Chairman Knapp assured the representatives of the general managers that he and Dr. Neill would take up the matter immediately, and, if necessary, would go to Chicago in an effort to adjust the controversy.

Chairman Knapp and Dr. Neill had a conference during the early part of the day to determine upon what they would do. Chairman Knapp was ensaged in the morning in some important conferences with other commission.

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with my secretaries?" asked the minister.
"No." responded M. Binct, "your own fees sufficed."
This occasioned great laughter, and the premier, in behalf of the government, said that the Cabinet stood with M. Millerand in what he had done.
M. Bouvray, brother-in-law of the former llouidator, Duez, was a voluntary witness tooday hefore M. Alhainel, the examining magistrate. He expisined the stock losess which Duez had sustained and which he listed would not exceed \$700,000. A woman testified that she had received \$100,000

PAYMASTER'S SAFE ROBBED

Strong Box on U. S. Gunbont Castine
Opened and \$3,500 Stolen.
Boston, Mass., March 15.—A naval
board of inquiry is at work at the
Charlestown navy yard investigating
the theft of \$3,500 from the paymaster's
safe, on board the United States gunboat Castine. The theft was discovered last Thurschy, but did not become
generally known until to-day. A week
ago to-day Paymaster Lawrence G.

BEST FORM OF MEMORIAL

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The application for mediation made by the general managers' committee is comprehensive in scope. It includes not merely the question of wages, which is the crux of the dispute, but also hours of labor and conditions of employment. In fact it covers every phase of the difficulty that has arisen between the roads and their employes.

Action Was Auticipated.

It is known that representatives of the general managers' committee have been in Washington for several days, prepared and fully authorized to make the application in the form it was presented to-day as soon as failure of the negotiations at Chicago should be indicated.

It is expected in Washington that representatives of the application, as they heretofore have indicated their willingness to submit the dispute to the mediation of Chairman Knapp and Dr. Nelli.

WANT GUILTY PUNISHED Deputtes Express Confidence in Promine WILL HASTEN HOME CUMMINS ASSAILS BY SHORT ROUTE METHODS OF TAFT

cept Invitations of Western Cities.

ENGAGEMENTS TOO NUMEROUS

Visits Gordon Memorial College With Family-In Afternoon Made Trip to Kerreri Battlefield-Guest of Honor of Dinner at

Roosevelt, to-day had an interview his engagements, including his presence at the marriage of his son. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Leonora B. Alexander, which is to take place in June. If possible, however, he said, he would visit Denver and Cheyenne during the frontier day celebration in August.

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great interest in their work and remarking upon the splendid progress
made by British energy within the few
years that its influence had been ex-

thoroughly delignted with the trip.
This evening a dinner was given at
the palace, at which some 300 covers
were laid, the guests, in addition to
Colonel and Mrs. Rossevelt and their
son and daughter, including many
others.

Roosevelt has telegraphed that he will not arrive in Paris before April 25 at the earliest. While here Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt will be personal guests of American Ambassador and Mrs.

NO AUTOS FOR OFFICIALS

House Votes Against Supplying Cars
for Sherman and Cannon.
Washington, D. C., March 15.—VicePresident Sherman and Speaker Cannon will have to content themselves
with riding to and from the Capitol Washington and Lee is the best form of memorial to Robert E. Lee and George Washington.

Senators Chamberlain and Owen and others spoke.

TUG OFFICIALLY LOST

III-Fated Nina, by Order, is Stricken From Naval List.

Washington, March 15.—The ill-starred naval tug Nina, which sailed away from Norfolk, February 6, for Boston, by an official order, was stricken from the naval list to-day. This constitutes an official order, was stricken from the naval list to-day. This constitutes an official declaration by the Navy Department that the little vessel is lost, with all on board. In accordance with law, the government will pay the next of kin of the officers and crew, the mich said. After that, under the terms of the general pension law, the dependent relatives will receive the usual pension.

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Reference in the Turnbull in Washington Ready to Take His Sent.

[Special to The Times-Dispetch.]

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Representative Robert Turnbull, elected to Congress from the Fourth District, aprived here last night, but was not sworn in to-day, owing to the fact that the Powhatan officials were slow in sending in the returns, and his certificate selection was not forward-to the Secretary of the Common-wealth. The certificate is on the way, and he will take the oath to-morrow, being escorted to the desk by Ropressentative Jones.

Martin To California, Arizona, New Mexico, Torriet Sisentative Aparts.

Martin To California, 15.00, Washington, D. C., March 15.—Strends here is on the way, and his friends here in the Bureau of Copporations at a condition in the Burea

Roosevelt Cannot Ac-Objects to Executive Attempting to Prescribe Legislation.

DISCUSSION OF RAILROAD BILL

Iowa Senator Expresses Opposition to Measure, Even Though This Might Result in Effort to Drive Him From Party. Origin of Measure.

President's Course Criticized.

Mr. Cummins criticized the course of the President, and declared his intention of opposing the bill in its present shape, even at the expense of the experse displeasure of the Chief Executive.

"If the uncontradicted and repeated and apparently authorized statements of the newspapers be not in error, every Republican at least is expected to vote for it just as it is, unless he dares to incur not only the executive displeasure, but to be banished from

dares to incur not only the executive displeasure, but to be banished from the Republican ranks," said Mr. Cummins.

"Whether he in within his privilege or his duty whest he indestaiges to prescribe the precise form which legislation shall assume, may well be doubted.

"I would not however, be inclined to attach much importance to the practice, which now seems to be very general, were it not that its consequences in the very rature of things must be

in the very rature of things must be to Congress for passage, accompanied with an implied message that punishment follows disobedience is continued from year to year, in the end Congress

will become a mere form in organized

Origin of the Measure

danger and disaster

Desperately Ill in Florida



SENATOR JOHN W. DANIEL.

Kellogg Arraigns Corporation as Both Sides Working to End Cara Danger to

Questions From



Country.

OPENS GOVERNMENT'S CASE NOTHING DEFINITE DONE

Court Manifests Keen Interest by Representatives Discuss Matter Bench.

men's Strike in Philadelphia.

but Cannot Settle on

Philadelphia, March 15 .- Anothe

meeting was held to-day between of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Commeeting Mr. Earle said:

DANIEL SUFFERS SINKING SPELL; HIS END IS NEAR

Members of Family, Hastily Summoned, on Way to Daytona.

IN STATE OF COMA FOR 48 HOURS

Condition Regarded as Critical,

and Little Hope Held Out by Attending Physicians-Believed That Death is Only Matter of Hours.

daughter and other members family have been summoned At 8:30 o'clock to-night the

ing official builetin was issued by Dr. W. C. Chowning, the attending physician: quietly. No change since this morn-

ng. Am hopeful of improved condi-While the attending themselves are hopeful, there is little doubt that the Senator's liness is critical. Three bulletins will be issued daily on the Senator's condition.

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Senator Daniel suffered an alarming sinking spell this morning, following sinking spell this morning, following which advices were at once sent to Lynchburg, his kome town, summonling the remaining members of his family and the family physician, Dr. Waugh to come on to Daytona at once.

From conversations held with the attending physicians, it is realized that the Senator's condition is very serious and it is believed that the end is not only a question of a few hours.

Senator Daniel came to Dayton several weeks ago in the kope the the change would prove beneficial

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